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SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT: RAIL TRANSPORT WORKING
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FOR LOEBNER FROM RAMUNDO

1. REQUEST SCI COUN CONTACT MALASHKO OF MINRAIL AND ADVISE HIM THAT THE ELECTRIFICATION DELEGATION LISTED BELOW WILL ARRIVE IN MOSCOW ON MAY 26 FOR THE VISIT DURING THE PERIOD MAY 27-JUNE 5 AS PROPOSED. ETA AND FLIGHT NUMBER WILL BE SENT SEPTTEL. DELEGATION WILL BE: MYLES MITCHELL, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF PASSENGER SYSTEMS R&D, FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION (FRA); MATTHEW GUARINO, JR., PROGRAM MANAGER FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF ELECTRIFICATION AND TRACTION, FRA; KENNETH ULLMAN, ACTING CHIEF, ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS DIVISION, OFFICE OF NORTHEAST CORRIDOR DEVELOPMENT, FRA; DANIEL JACENKO, FRA CONSULTANT; MAX EPHRAIM, CHIEF ENGINEER, GENERAL MOTORS ELECTROMOTIVE DIVISION, LA GRANGE, ILLINOIS; COLEMAN HARVEY, SENIOR ELECTRICAL ENGINEER, SOUTHERN RAILROAD COMPANY, WASHINGTON, D.C.; AND UNCLASSIFIED

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MERTON MEEKER, MANAGER, RAILROAD ELECTRIFICATION OPERATIONS,

GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY, ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA, MINRAIL SHOULD BE REQUESTED TO FURNISH U.S. DELEGATION DETAILED ITINERARY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. DR. RAMUNDO, U.S. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY UNDER TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT, PLANS TO BE IN MOSCOW DURING PART OF VISIT OF RAILROAD ELECTRIFICATION DELEGATION AND INTENDS TO SPEND SOME TIME WITH DELEGATION.

3. REQUEST SCICOUN ADVISE MOROZOV, SCST, THAT WHILE IN MOSCOW, RAMUNDO PLANS TO LAY GROUNDWORK FOR SEPTEMBER 1 JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING. HE ALSO WISHES TO FOLLOW UP THE BINDER-ALEKSENKO LETTER ON MAG/LEV COOPERATION AND PERHAPS STIMULATE SOME PRELIMINARY EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON WHAT THE BEST NEXT STEPS ARE. MYLES MITCHELL, HEAD OF ELECTRIFICATION DELEGATION, WILL BE WORKING ON MAG LEV PROJECT FOR FRA AND FOR ADVANCE SYSTEMS OF FUTURE. HIS PRESENCE IN MOSCOW DURING RAMUNDO VISIT MAKES POSSIBLE MORE FRUITFUL DISCUSSION OF NEXT STEPS. SCST SHOULD BE REQUESTED TO CONFIRM READINESS TO RECEIVE RAMUNDO FOR PURPOSES ABOVE STATED. KISSINGER

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